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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Approval of Modifications to its SmartMeter™
Program and Increased Revenue Requirements to
Recover the Costs of the Modifications (U39M).

Application 11-03-014
(Filed March 24, 2011)

And Related Matters.

Application 11-03-015
Application 11-07-020

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings to February 6, 2014.

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a)¹ provides that ratesetting matters such as these applications shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding, unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

¹ All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code unless otherwise indicated.

In these proceedings, the 18-month deadline for resolving Phase 2 is December 8, 2013.

The issues in these proceedings are complex and additional time is needed to review and resolve the issues. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until February 6, 2014, is necessary.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment on an extension order issued pursuant to § 1701.5(a) is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Amy C. Yip-Kikugawa is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in these proceedings.

Findings of Fact

1. The scoping memo for Phase 2 of these proceedings was issued on June 8, 2012.
2. The 18-month statutory deadline for resolving these ratesetting proceedings is December 8, 2013.
3. The issues in these proceedings are complex and require additional time to resolve.
4. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary.

Conclusion of Law

1. Effective immediately, the 18-month statutory deadline imposed by § 1701.5(a) should be extended for a period of 60 days beyond December 8, 2013.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The 18-month statutory deadline in these proceedings is extended until February 6, 2014.
2. Application (A.) 11-03-014, A.11-03-015 and A.11-07-020 remain open.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.